

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION  
JANUARY 26, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie, Anne Marie Rathburn, Peter Fabian

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -WAMFT Report  
-Psychotherapy licensure bill

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to re-elect Lynn Gauger as Chair, Peter Fabian as Vice Chair and Anne Marie Rathburn as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2000

Correction: -On pages 1 and 2, all references to "WMFT" should be changed to "WAMFT"

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2000 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

## REVIEW OF MODEL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE ACT

Peter Fabian spoke regarding the AAMFT model MFT licensure act. Linda Schwallie suggested sending this to the legislative reference bureau for review in relationship to the psychotherapy licensure bill.

## MFT TRAINING CERTIFICATE AND EARLY EXAM LEGISLATION

Lynn Gauger said the bill has been delayed and may not get through the legislative process.

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to direct legal counsel to make the change discussed to 457.1(6), and to communicate the change to the drafter. Motion carried unanimously.

## REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

In response to correspondence received from Don Norum, this would be permissible as long as a profit is not made.

## RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of an appearance by an applicant regarding reciprocal certification, reviewing applications, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Anne Marie Rathburn - yes, Peter Fabian - yes, Lynn Gauger – yes, Linda Schwallie - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 10:08 a.m.

## RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

## VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

### PERSONAL APPEARANCE

#### MARILYN FRANZINI

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to notify Marilyn Franzini that the Section upholds their previous recommendation that Ms. Franzini must pass the national MFT examination before she can be certified in Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

## APPLICATION REVIEW

MARI E BERNHARDT

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to grant a MFT certification to Mari E. Bernhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

## CASE STATUS REPORT

There were no cases to close.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING MFT EXAMINATION

Casey Brown, from the Exams Office, explained the scoring system used for the national MFT examination.

## APPLICATION TEMPLATE UPDATE

The Section members will review the current MFT application and will bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.

## OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Peter Fabian shared an email from Dismas Becker regarding the changes in the proposed psychotherapy bill that were sent to the drafters.

Peter Fabian is concerned that AODA counselors are directed by HFS 75 to perform family therapy, and that it is considered part of the AODA counselors' appropriate standard of care.

The Section would like the Department to re-introduce legislation that would require reciprocal applicants to pass the jurisprudence examination.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 a.m.

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